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A. THE FOLLOWING BRIEF NEWS SUMMARIES REPRESENT THE
FOURTH IN A TENTATIVE SERIES OF CABLES REPORTING FRENCH
SCIENCE OR TECHNOLOGY RELATED ACTIVITIES. IF FURTHER
INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS IS DESIRED, PLEASE
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GIVING SPECIFIC REFERENCE AND NATURE OF DESIRED
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

B. TOPICS INCLUDED: INDUSTRY MINISTER'S CABINET;
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FRENCH ELECTED TO AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES;
FRENCH ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ELECTS FOREIGN ASSOCIATES;
CREATION OF SCIENCE MINISTRY REQUESTED; HYDRAULICS
MEETING; AIN NUCLEAR COMPLEX; SPELEOLOGY CONGRESS;
FRENCH/BRAZILIAN COOPERATION IN AMAZON; CLAUDE BERNARD
PRIZE AWARDED; CNRS/NSF AGREEMENT; ECOLOGY;
FRENCH HONORARY DOCTORALS FOR AMERICANS.

1. "MINISTER OF INDUSTRY NAMES CABINET" - A.F.P. SCIENCES, APRIL 20, 1978, NO. 125, P. 1

"ANDRE GIRAUD, THE NEW INDUSTRY MINISTER, ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS ON APRIL 14 THAT HE WOULD CONDUCT A CLEAR, COMPREHENSIBLE AND PRECISE INDUSTRIAL POLICY. HE ALSO DECLARED HIMSELF AGAINST THE 'TIDE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RED TAPE'.

"HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE OCCASION TO ANNOUNCE THE MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET: MICHEL DE GUILLENCHMIDT, CABINET DIRECTOR; CLAUDE DUVAL, CABINET HEAD; CHRISTIAN GOVERT, JEAN CEDELLE AND JEAN-PIERRE FALQUE-PIERROTIN, TECHNICAL ADVISERS. ANOTHER CABINET MEMBER WILL BE NAMED SOON.

"JEAN PAUL BENOIT WILL BE 'CHARGE DE MISSION' FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY, JEAN-PIERRE PROUTEAU."

2. "RPR 'CHARGES DE MISSION' NAMED FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS" - A.F.P. SCIENCES, APRIL 20, 1978, NO. 125, P. 2

"AS A RESULT OF A RECENT STAFF REORGANIZATION OF THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE REPUBLIC (RPR), THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE DESIGNATED TO BE IN CHARGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEMS: FLORIAN DELBARRE, HEALTH; JEAN UNCLASSIFIED

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FREZAL, INFORMATION AND RESEARCH; ROLAND NUNGESSER, ENVIRONMENT, ECOLOGY AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE.

"ANDRE TURCAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN CHARGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND GUY GUERMEUR OF OCEANIC ISSUES."

3. "FRENCH RESEARCHERS ELECTED TO AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES" - A.F.P. SCIENCES, MAY 11, 1978, NO. 128, P. 3

"ON MAY 4 FOUR FROM FRANCE WERE ELECTED HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES OF BOSTON: PROFESSOR PAUL LEMERLE, COLLEGE OF FRANCE, BYZANTINE HISTORY SPECIALIST; LOUIS DUMONT, ANTHROPOLOGIST, DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, SCHOOL OF HIGHER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES; PIERRE DELIGNE, MATHEMATICIAN, INSTITUTE OF HIGHER SCIENTIFIC STUDIES, BURES-SUR-

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YVETTE; MME. MARIANNE GRUNBERG-MANAGO, BIOCHEMIST,
NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH."

4. "FRENCH ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ELECTS EIGHT FOREIGN
ASSOCIATES" - A.F.P. SCIENCES, MAY 11, 1978, NO. 128,
P 7

"ON MAY 8 THE FRENCH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ELECTED
EIGHT FOREIGN ASSOCIATES IN THE FIELDS OF PHYSICS AND
CHEMISTRY, FOUR OF WHOM ARE NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS IN
CHEMISTRY. THESE FOUR ARE PROFESSOR LUIZ LELOIR, THE
FIRST ARGENTINE TO BE ELECTED; SIR DEREK BARTON (UK);
ROBERT WOODWARD (US); AND PROFESSOR NIKOLAI SEMENOV
(USSR).

"THE FOUR ELECTED IN THE FIELD OF PHYSICS ARE
PROFESSOR VICTOR WEISSKOPF (US), HEINZ MAIER-LEIBNITZ
(WG), BREBIS BLEANEY (UK) AND ROBERT POUND (US).

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5. "FORMER PRIME MINISTER ASKS FOR CREATION OF SCIENCE
MINISTRY" - A.F.P. SCIENCES, MAY 18, 1978, NO. 129, P.2

"MICHEL DEBRE, FORMER PRIME MINISTER, ASKED AGAIN FOR THE CREATION OF A SCIENCE MINISTRY IN A PROPOSED LAW HE RECENTLY PRESENTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HE SAID 'IF WE WANT TO ASSURE OURSELVES OF OUR IMPORTANCE OR SIMPLY OUR INFLUENCE IN EUROPE AND IN THE WORLD, THERE IS NO MORE SOLID, MORE LASTING METHOD THAN FRUITFUL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH'."

6. "HYDRAULICS MEETING IN TOULOUSE IN SEPTEMBER" - A.F.P. SCIENCES, MAY 18, 1978, NO. 129, P. 10

"A CONFERENCE ON THE POLITICS OF WATER, ORGANIZED BY THE FRENCH HYDROTECHNIC COMPANY, WILL TAKE PLACE IN TOULOUSE FROM SEPTEMBER 5 TO 9. PIERRE MARCELHACY, SENATOR FROM THE CHARENTE DISTRICT, WILL OPEN THE CONFERENCE WITH A TALK ON THE PRINCIPAL ASPECTS OF WATER POLITICS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE NEEDS AND RESOURCES OF TODAY'S WORLD. OTHER SESSIONS WILL EXAMINE 77 REPORTS DEALING WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE QUALITY OF SURFACE WATER, THE PROTECTION OF UNDERGROUND WATER FROM POLLUTION, AGRICULTURAL HYDRAULICS, MANAGEMENT OF WATER COURSES, THE COASTLINE AND HYDRAULICS FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL NEEDS.

7. "BUGEY 2 TIED INTO NUCLEAR NETWORK" - A.F.P. SCIENCES, MAY 18, 1978, NO. 129, P. 13

"BUGEY 2, THE SECOND PLANT OF THE NUCLEAR COMPLEX IN AIN, WAS TIED INTO THE NATIONAL NETWORK ON MAY 10, UNCLASSIFIED

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SOMEWHAT BEHIND SCHEDULE. ITS PRESENT OUTPUT OF 10 MAGAWATTS (MW) SHOULD INCREASE TO 925 MW MAXIMUM OUTPUT BY THE END OF THE YEAR. WITH THIS ADDITION, FRENCH NUCLEAR REACTORS PRODUCE AROUND 12 PERCENT OF THE ELECTRICITY USED IN FRANCE. THE THIRD BUGEY PLANT IS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL BY THE END OF 1978 AND THE LAST TWO PLANTS IN 1979.

8. "13TH CONGRESS OF FRENCH SPELEOLOGISTS" - A.F.P. SCIENCES, MAY 18, 1978, NO. 129, P. 25

"IN THE COURSE OF THE 13TH CONGRESS OF FRENCH SPELEOLOGISTS HELD IN THONON-LES-BAINS, THE SPELEOLOGISTS EXPRESSED THEIR HOSTILITY TOWARD THE SYSTEMATIC CLOSING OF EXPLORABLE CAVES BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, WISHED TO CLOSE CERTAIN OTHERS TO PROTECT FAUNA AND ARCHEOLOGICAL REMAINS."

9. "FRENCH AND BRAZILIANS COOPERATE ON AMAZON FISH INVENTORY" - A.F.P. SCIENCES, MAY 18, 1978, NO. 129, P. 26

"FRENCH AND BRAZILIAN TEAMS FROM CNRS AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRONOMIC RESEARCH (INRA) WILL WORK TOGETHER AGAIN THIS YEAR TO ESTABLISH AN INVENTORY OF THE MORE THAN 2,000 SPECIES OF FISH IN THE AMAZON. IN 1977 12,000 FISH OF 195 SPECIES WERE CAUGHT BY MEANS OF ELECTRICITY, A VERY EFFICIENT AND NON-DAMAGING METHOD OF FISHING. DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE RESEARCHERS STUDIED AND CONSTRUCTED A NEW MEANS OF TRAPPING SPECIMENS WHICH WILL BE TESTED THIS YEAR.

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"THE INVENTORY LAB TEAM WILL ARRIVE IN NOVEMBER AFTER MISSIONS IN GUADALOUPE AND GUYANA. IN GUYANA THE TEAM WILL STUDY THE CONSEQUENCES OF OVER EXPLOITATION BY INDIAN TRIBES OF CERTAIN FISHING ZONES IN THE GUYANESE FOREST."

10. "PROFESSOR DE GROUCHY RECEIVES CLAUDE BERNARD PRIZE" - A.F.P. SCIENCES, MAY 18, 1978, NO. 129, P. 32

"ON MAY 10 THE MAYOR OF PARIS, JACQUES CHIRAC, PRESENTED THE 1977 CLAUDE BERNARD PRIZE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH TO PROFESSOR JEAN DE GROUCHY FOR HIS RESEARCH IN HUMAN CYTOGENETICS. DE GROUCHY, WHO ALSO RECEIVED THE 'MEDAILLE DE VERMEIL' AT THAT CEREMONY, IS RESEARCH DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (CNRS), PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH GENETICS SOCIETY AND THE EUROPEAN HUMAN GENETICS SOCIETY.

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"ONE OF THE AIMS OF THE CLAUDE BERNARD ASSOCIATION, CREATED IN 1955, IS TO DEVELOP BIOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL RESEARCH IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE HOSPITALS IN PARIS."

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11. "CNRS-NFSF AGREEMENT" - A.F.P. SCIENCES, MAY 25, 1978, NO. 130, P. 3

"ON MAY 30, THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (CNRS) AND THE US NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) WILL SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT CALLING FOR EXPANDED COOPERATION; A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN JULY 1970. THIS NEW AGREEMENT WILL COVER COMMON RESEARCH PROJECTS BETWEEN CNRS AND AMERICAN LABORATORIES AND THE PREPARATION OF SEMINARS ON COMMON SCIENTIFIC THEMES."

12. "5TH INTERNATIONAL ECOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM, -A.F.P. SCIENCES, MAY 25, 1978, NO. 130, P. 20

"THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL ECOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM WILL TAKE PLACE FROM MAY 20 TO 27 IN LA ROCHELLE WITH A THEME OF SOCIAL INVENTION AND URBAN ECOLOGY. PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL OVER EUROPE WILL TAKE UP SOCIAL INVENTION AND URBAN PLANNING, NEW FORMS OF SOCIETY, RESEARCH ON ECOLOGICAL LIFE STYLES AND DEFENSIVE ACTION FOR ECOLOGICAL INTERESTS."

13. "AMERICAN PROFESSORS RECEIVE HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREES FROM PARIS UNIVERSITY" - A.F.P. SCIENCES, MAY 25, 1978, NO. 130, P. 28

"IN DECREES PUBLISHED IN THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF MAY 19, HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS XI WERE CONFERRED ON HENRY

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EYRING AND ERNEST WENKERT. PROFESSOR EYRING IS AN
HONORARY PROFESSOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH IN SALT
LAKE CITY AND A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF
SCIENCES. PROFESSOR WENKERT IS HEAD OF ORGANIC
CHEMISTRY AT RICE UNIVERSITY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS."
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